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REMARKS

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1. On 23 November 1950, three soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia looked out of the windows of the homes on the street front of the premises of the Kaiser Factory which is located on Sachsenhauserstrasse, Oranienburg (N 53/2 67). Two officers wearing tank insignia and 4 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed entering the factory area. A JS tank, which came from the direction of Camp Sachsenhausen, and truck [] were also seen to turn into the factory area. No sentries or patrols were observed. 50X1-HUM
2. On 22 November, 13 sidecar motorcycles, each occupied by three soldiers, were seen driving along Bernauerstrasse, heading east. 50X1-HUM
3. Empty truck [] and another truck, carrying billeting equipment and three soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were observed entering the premises of the former Kaiser Factory on Sachsenhauserstrasse. A JS tank towing an 82 mm gun moved into the factory area at about 5 p.m. the following day. The tracks of the tank were traced back as far as the railroad station. 50X1-HUM
4. At 10:30 a.m. on 23 November, a train carrying 16 new, unnumbered trucks and truck [] with box-like body passed through the Oranienburg railroad station. A T-34 tank observed at the freight station had the numerical designation 56 on its turret and the white symbol (D). 50X1-HUM
5. At 2 p.m. on 23 November, 5 NCOs and 35 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia entered the castle of Oranienburg, coming from the direction of the railroad station. At the same time, two other platoons of about the same strength practiced singing while marching around the castle yard. The following day, it was observed that the sentry at the castle gate on Luisenplatz wore red-bordered black epaulets. Soldiers passing through this gate also wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia. Eight trucks were seen in the garages, while truck []

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[] left the castle. Two canvas-covered tanks were seen in a shed at the northeastern corner of the billeting area. A local resident stated that the castle had been virtually vacant prior to the end of October. The troops had allegedly been at Zehdenick throughout the summer. On 27 November, two 8-man groups were seen engaged in basic field training in the park of the castle. The soldiers, 17 to 18 years old and without weapons, seemed to be recruits. At about 1 p.m., 5 NCOs wearing tank insignia and 20 MI wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen marching from the castle to the barracks installation south of the former concentration camp. The MI were apparently recruits.

- [] 6. On 26 November, the first gate of the Oranienburg restricted area was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets and the second gate, usually locked, by a sentry wearing light blue epaulets. [] 50X1-HUM

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